

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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First Named Inventor : Annette BIELLER
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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Screening Method Using Bnpi and Dnpi

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2006. **An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.